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RSO&I readies ROK/US Forces

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Eighth U.S. Army Soldiers deployed to Camp Walker, Daegu, on March 19 for this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise, a Peninsula-wide exercise scheduled from March 21-28.

RSO&I is a Command Post Exercise managed by Combined Forces Command. It is a computer simulated, defensive-posture exercise including movement and reinforcement of U.S. Forces to Korean Peninsula in



Photo by Pfc. Yum, Tae-sung

Sgt. 1st Class Galo Bueno (left), LSA NCOIC, and Pvt. Nathalie Cabradilla (middle), SPO secretary, assign bunks to Soldiers while they in process.



Photo by Pfc. Yum, Tae-sung

Eighth U.S. Army Soldiers load their bags before their deployment to Camp Walker.

case of a real wartime situation. It has taken place annually since 1994. In 2002 RSO&I was combined with Foal Eagle, a live fire exercise.

"We always train for a war in many different aspects," said Sgt. 1st Class Galo Bueno, LSA NCOIC. "We do some small Field Training Exercises but this FTX is one of the biggest exercises we do each year," he added.

Sgt. Maj. Daniel Ciarrocchi, G-3 sergeant major, stressed the importance of combat readiness for the success of this multi-service exercise.

"We have been planning our part of this exercise for over six

months. Soldiers need to prepare before going to the exercise so that they can give a hundred percent while they are here."

According to Ciarrocchi, this exercise will be a good opportunity for the Soldiers where they have full complements of Army Reserves and National Guard to join them on the peninsula and train together with their ROK counterparts.

"Soldiers need to plan, prepare and be trained in their skills that they need prior to deploying on the exercise. By the time it starts, they have already reviewed (their individual tasks) and are highly motivated for the upcoming exercise."



The Spirit of "Hwarang"

It's March, and Eighth Army warriors once again have amassed to show their combat readiness in RSO&I 2004.

RSO&I is a routine, regularly scheduled winter exercise involving forces from HHC, 8th U.S. Army. It is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the conduct of contingency operation of Republic of Korea and United States Forces.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the "Hwarang" demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single "Kook sun," the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of "Nangdo" to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

It is in the spirit of Hwarang that this newsletter was created to honor the service members and events of this year's RSO&I that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

This newsletter is also available on-line at <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/PAO/hwarang3.htm>.

If any of our readers know of any sections or individuals who possess this spirit of courage, intelligence and nobility, let us know by calling 764-3060 / 764-3055 or e-mailing us at jangsm@usfk.korea.army.mil.



Photo by Pfc. Daniel Love

Signal skyhigh Cpt. Daryl Breitbach (right), OPS officer, and Sgt. Andrew Vorhies, SATCOM NCO, Army Space Support Team 2 from Army Strategic Command in Peterson AFB, Colorado, set up the satellite connection for G-2 as the exercise begins. These Soldiers who deployed from CONUS to participate in this year's RSO&I will help to accomplish mission success.

Weather for Daegu, South Korea

MARCH 21



Hi	Low
59 F	32 F
15 C	0 C

MAR 22



Hi	Low
61 F	43 F
16 C	6 C

MAR 23



Hi	Low
55 F	46 F
13 C	8 C

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PED regulations crucial for OPSEC

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"Do you have any cell phones or PDAs with you?" This question is always heard when you enter the gate at CP Oscar during RSO&I.

There are some Army Regulations that are related to the use of portable electronic devices (PED). They include, but are not limited to data enabled cellular phones, two-way pagers, personal digital assistants (PDA), and handheld/laptop computers with wireless connectivity devices. These kinds of devices should have proper certification and accreditation if they are to be used.

"The intent behind these regulations is to make sure that important or classified information is not compromised," said Maj. Daniel Morris, operations officer, G-2. "It would be very easy for an adversary to intercept two-way communications of information which is not intended for personnel

outside of CP Oscar. Thus, the best way to limit that opportunity is to restrict the type of devices that are used in a command post. All 8th Army personnel should become familiar with the regulations."

The hot issue these days is the regulation related to the use of cellular phones. By rapid progress of technology, the latest cellular phones can take high quality pictures or moving images. Sometimes the cellular phones can be even more dangerous than cameras. That's because they are very small, so it is easier to hide and take pictures secretly.

Morris also emphasized the importance of handling cellular phones.

"The officers that are O-6s or above are allowed to have cellular phones in CP Oscar for duty," said Morris. "However, they all understand that the phones cannot be used for classified information, especially on the EAOC floor. It's only for their unclassified, military business."

Voice of Warriors: *If there is one thing you want to achieve during this exercise, what would it be?*



Maj. Rex Boone
Plans Officer
8th Army G-2

"I want to develop G-2 concept of support, as it is related to the EUSA mission, and I also want to integrate space operations into the G-2 cell."



Master Sgt. Sheryl Kanelos
Information System Chief
311th TSC

"I would like to continue to build upon my technical skills and to gain practical experience through this exercise."



Sgt. Victor Gomez
Battalion Medic
8th Army S-3

"I want to have better quality training. And also, I want to make sure that all missions for 8th Army are accomplished at 100%."



Sgt. Han, Yoon-soo
Admin Specialist
8th Army G-3

"As this is my last exercise, I will put my best effort to enhance the ROK-U.S. combined combat capability."



Oscar Warriors can benefit from AIP

Story by
Pfc. Daniel Love

Soldiers participating in RSO&I looking for something to do after their shift should consider stopping by the cybercafe. By checking out the PERSCOM website, they could find themselves with a few extra bucks in their pockets.

With 8th U.S. Army's new Assignment Incentive Pay program (AIP), Soldiers can get some extra money on their leave and earnings statement while stationed anywhere in Korea whether they are at Camp Hi-aleah, Camp Casey, Yongsan Army Garrison, or even at CP Oscar.

The new program was created to minimize personnel disruption across the Army. When Soldiers move to and from Korea it is also expensive, and it can take a while for new Soldiers to adjust to their new work environment once they arrive.

"This is an outstanding, unprecedented opportunity for our

Soldiers to extend their tours in this great country so they may continue to strengthen the warfighting abilities of their units, and to further experience the cultural opportunities available to them that they might otherwise miss on a shorter, 12-month tour," said Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, commander of 8th U.S. Army. "You only have to look at the benefits of this program to see how every Soldier and every unit can benefit."

AIP gives Soldiers an additional \$300 a month for a 12-month extension. Payments start automatically upon approval and continue until the end of the Soldier's term in country. Some Soldiers may be eligible for a \$400 monthly payment if they choose a 24-month extension. Those who are interested are advised to check with the Battalion S-1 for eligibility requirements and payment details.

"We want to keep more of our extremely well-trained Soldiers on the peninsula," said Campbell. "Our Soldiers and leaders are the

cornerstone of our high readiness posture and retaining more of that talent in theater for a longer period of time enhances our ability to deter aggression and support peace and stability on the peninsula."

Almost all Soldiers who are currently stationed in Korea or are on assignment instructions can apply for the program until May 10. Those interested can log on to the 8th Personnel Command web site at <http://www-8perscom.korea.army.mil> and click on the "AIP" link.

Rather than counting down the hours until the deployment ends, Soldiers could be counting the extra money they could be making in the two weeks they are here.

Meal hours

Camp Walker DFAC hours from Mar 19 to Mar 28

Breakfast: 4:30 to 8 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Midnight: 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

